

FUR HARVESTERS REPORTING

Live foxes or coyotes may only be sold or transferred to an owner or enclosure operator of a permitted enclosure by the trapper who took the animal.

A trapper shall maintain accurate records on a daily basis of all live fox and coyote sales, purchases or transfers on forms provided by the department.

These forms must be retained and made available for reasonable inquiry by department employees.

Any person taking furbearing animals for commercial purposes shall file all daily transactions and an annual report of his harvest with the SCDNR by April 15 of each year, using forms provided by the Department. In addition, any trapper who sells or transfers live foxes or coyotes shall submit all daily records of these transactions by April 15 of each year.

Failure to report by April 15, upon 2nd offense, shall render the violator ineligible for a fur license the following year in addition to fines for each offense. (50-11-2450, 50-11-2620, 50-11-2630, 50-11-2650)

FUR BUYERS REPORTING

Fur buyers shall keep a daily register of furs purchased on forms provided by the Department. No later than the 10th day of each month the fur buyer shall furnish the Department all daily register sheets from the previous month.

Failure to report will result in the loss of buying privileges for 1 year in addition to the prescribed penalties. (50-11-2490, 50-11-2560)

IMPORTATION OF WILDLIFE

It is unlawful to bring, import or cause to have imported a live coyote or fox into the state. It is unlawful to release a coyote or fox in this state except as authorized.

It is unlawful to import any other furbearers into this state unless authorized by the Department in writing. (50-11-1765, 50-11-2605, 50-11-2640, 50-16-20)

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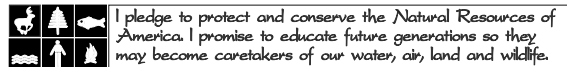
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South Carolina COMMERCIAL FUR HARVEST REGULATIONS 2004 - 2005



Raccoon
(*Procyon lotor*)



**Furbearer Project
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SC Department of Natural Resources**

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FUR HARVEST STATUTES

This brochure contains a summary of the state statutes regarding the commercial harvest of furbearers. Applicable statutes are listed in parentheses at the end of each section of this brochure. Copies of the actual statutes of the S.C. Code of Laws are available by writing: Furbearer Program, S.C. Department of Natural Resources, P.O. Box 167, Columbia, S.C. 29202.

FURBEARERS WHICH MAY BE COMMERCIALY HARVESTED

The following species are legally classified as furbearers and may be taken by hunting or trapping during the open season: bobcat, red fox, gray fox, opossum, raccoon, otter, mink, weasel, striped skunk, spotted skunk, muskrat and beaver. The pelts of these animals along with coyotes may be sold in S.C. (50-11-110, 50-11-2400)

LICENSE

Anyone who takes a furbearing animal by any means, for sale, trade, exchange or barter, anyone who traps, and anyone who possesses more than 5 furs, pelts, hides or whole animals must have the following licenses: (1) a valid state hunting license (regardless of age) (2) a Commercial Fur Harvesters License (\$10 for resident, \$100 for nonresidents). These licenses shall be carried while involved in fur taking activities.

Anyone who purchases any whole furbearing animal, raw or green furs, pelts or hides is required to have a Fur Buyer's License (\$100.00 for residents, \$200 for nonresidents).

Exemptions from Fur Buyer's License: (1) a taxidermist holding furs, pelts, hides or whole furbearing animals owned by another person (2) a person acquiring furbearing animal carcasses without hides (3) a person who acquires not more than 5 furs or whole furbearing animals during one season for his own personal use and not for barter or sale (4) an owner or enclosure operator of a permitted fox and coyote hunting enclosure who purchases live foxes or coyotes for release into the enclosure. (50-11-2420, 50-11-2470, 50-11-2480)

SEASONS

Possessing a valid trapping license, it is lawful to commercially trap furbearing animals from January 1 to March 1 of each year.

Furbearer hunting seasons vary by game zone and are printed in the annual hunting Rules and Regulations brochure. Coyotes may be hunted during daylight hours year around.

Raccoons, opossums, foxes, coyotes, mink and skunk may be hunted at night; however, they may not be hunted with artificial lights except when treed or cornered with dogs, or with buckshot or any shot larger than number four, or any rifle ammunition larger than a twenty-two rimfire. (50-11-120, 50-11-710, 50-11-2540)

DEPREDAATION PERMITS

Depredation permits may be issued by the SCDNR for the taking of nuisance furbearers at any time of year. Animals captured under a depredation permit may not be sold.

A depredation permit is not required by the property owner or his designee when capturing furbearing animals or squirrels within one-hundred yards of the owner's home when the animals are causing damage to the owner's home or property. Animals captured in this manner may not be relocated. (50-11-2570)

LEGAL TRAPS

It is lawful to use foothold traps of a size #2 or smaller on land and a size #3 or smaller for water sets statewide.

Body gripping traps of the Conibear type may be used statewide without bait or scents in water sets or slide sets only. These traps may be set in a vertical position only. Live traps may be used statewide. The department may issue special depredation permits to allow the use of snares for beavers in water sets. All other traps are unlawful.

All traps must have an identification tag attached bearing the owner's name & address. (50-11-2460)

TRAPPER RESPONSIBILITY

A person may trap on lands that he owns, or on lands owned by others provided the trapper has written permission from the landowner. The written permission must be carried on the trapper's person while engaged in trapping activities.

There is no trapping on Wildlife Management Area lands.

All traps must be checked at least once daily. It is illegal to visit traps at night. No one, except the owner of the trap, may remove any legally trapped animal from the trap.

No trap may be set in the open, in paths commonly used by persons or domestic animals.

Any person shipping or transporting raw furs, pelts, hides or whole animals out of this state must obtain a permit from the SCDNR. A conservation officer may inspect the package and issue the permit. Officers should be notified at least 24 hours prior to the need of a permit.

Any person holding fur past April 15 of each year must obtain a permit to do so from the SCDNR License Division. This is a free permit, and furs held until the following year do not have to be retagged when accompanied by a copy of the permit. (50-11-2430, 50-11-2440, 50-11-2445, 50-11-2500, 50-11-2550)

TAGGING REQUIREMENT

Furbearing animals taken for commercial purposes must be tagged at the time the fur is removed from the carcass or in the case of whole animals at the time it is stored or before it is sold, whichever comes first. Animals that are to be sold alive are not required to be tagged.

Fur tags are sold by the Department according to the following fee schedule: bobcat & otter- \$2.00; mink, fox & weasel- \$1.00; raccoon- \$.50; skunk, opossum, muskrat & beaver- \$.25

Fur tags are nontransferable and may not be altered in any way. All unused tags must be returned for a refund by April 15 of each year. (50-11-2510)